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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the Application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for automatically forwarding and replying to short messages comprising the following steps:

- a local user joining a message chat room;
- examining whether the user presses a key for forwarding a message;
- if the user has pressed said key for forwarding said message, providing a structuralized, modularized and hierarchy message menu to the user, else the local user waiting for a plurality of pre-established reply messages provided by a server or a remote cellular phone and the local user pressing a send key after selecting a reply message;
- ~~whereby, the message has~~ having a packet format comprising a user defined length (UDL), a user defined head length (UDHL), a plurality of information element identifiers (IEI), a plurality of information element identifier data lengths (IEIDL), and a plurality of information element data (IED), the information element data containing an IED21 indicating a forward message in the message chat room and an IED22 indicating a reply message in the message chat room, wherein, a corresponding field of the IEI22 is not present in the message packet when the reply message is provided by the remote

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cellular phone, the reply message is written to the corresponding field of the IEI22 when the reply message is provided by the server.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The method for automatically forwarding and replying short message as in claim [[4]] 1, wherein in the IED21 data, the first four bit of the first byte are defined as code of a first layer menu in the forward message, and the last four bit of the first byte are defined as code of a second layer menu in the forward message; the second byte to the n-th byte are used to store string, graph, ring tone and motion picture data defined by IEI21.

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Claim 6 (Currently amended): The method for automatically forwarding and replying short message as in claim [[4]] 1, wherein in the IED22 data, the first byte to the n-th byte are used to store string, graph, ring tone and motion picture data defined by IEI22.

Claim 7 (canceled).